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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (March 8-15, 2008)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the March 8-15, 2008 reporting period, no Turkish security official was killed or injured. The total number of security forces casualties for the year through March 15, 2008 was 20 killed and 18 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, ten PKK terrorists were killed, another ten were captured, and one surrendered. According to official TGS website figures, through the second week of March, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 260, the number of those captured was 64, and the number of those who surrendered was 128.

¶4. (U) There were no incidents involving civilian casualties during the reporting period. Civilian casualties for the year through the end of the second week of March remain at seven killed, with another 49 wounded, in the January 3 Diyarbakir car bomb explosion.

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